

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: September 11, 2003 (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
Application Number		Unassigned 10/659,376			
Filing Date		09/11/2003			
First Name of Inventor		Kenta KUBOTA			
Group Art Unit		Unassigned 3663			
Examiner Name		Unassigned TWANIC TD			
Attorney Docket Number		023971-0310			
Sheet	1	of	1		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
TC	A1	6,256,573	B1	HIGASHIMATA	07/03/2001	
	A2	6,175,799	B1	TSUTSUMI ET AL.	01/16/2001	
	A3	6,473,686	B2	ADACHI ET AL.	10/29/2002	
	A4	6,330,507	B1	ADACHI ET AL.	12/11/2001	
	A5	6,298,298	B1	TANGE ET AL.	10/02/2001	
	A6	6,401,024	B1	TANGE ET AL.	06/04/2002	
	A7	6,292,737	B1	HIGASHIMATA ET AL.	09/18/2001	
	A8	6,405,120	B1	HIGASHIMATA ET AL.	06/11/2002	
	A9	6,415,217	B1	HIGASHIMATA ET AL.	07/02/2002	
TC	A10	2002/0095254	A1	EGAWA ET AL.	07/18/2002	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
TC	A11	JP	11-20503	A	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.	01/26/1999		Abstract
TC	A12	JP	2001-266163	A	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.	09/28/2001		Abstract
TC	A13	JP	8-136237	A	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.	05/31/1996		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶

Examiner Signature 	Date Considered 09/21/2005
---	-------------------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.